

**Nearly Seventeen Thousand Men Out—
Long and Bitter Struggle Evident.**

WORKMEN engaged in building a branch rail-road near Wilkesbarre, Pa., after making a blast in a shell rock, and upon clearing away the broken stone, found what appeared to be the bodies of two well-preserved animals. They also found the petrified head of a monster snake. The specimens are strange-looking and will weigh 200 pounds each. One of them has the perfect head and features of a bear, while the other is a strange-looking saurian monster with a mouth resembling that of a dog.

Strike of Northwestern Switchmen.
CHICAGO, Oct. 12.—The switchmen on the St. Paul, Northwest, Omaha, Wisconsin Central, Northern Pacific and all the roads running into St. Paul and Minneapolis have gone on a strike.

The Demand for Small Coin.
WASHINGTON, Oct. 18.—The demand for small coins is so great from all parts of the country that the presses at the Philadelphia Mint, though kept running night and day, are unable to supply orders.

Oil Excitement in Michigan.
DETROIT, Oct. 14.—An oil fever similar to the craze formerly common in Pennsylvania has broken out at Marquette, Mich. and is raging violently. Speculators are pouring in, and property is advancing rapidly.

DAVID BAILLY, of Sharon, Pa., was drugged and robbed of \$100 in a den at Youngstown.

that I have known of that for a long time." "But," rejoined Fulton, "you never knew of my invention how to make oak plank out of pine saw-dust." Dr. Thornton saw that he had been quizzed and changed the subject. — *Sen.*